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he WAR and THERWISE

HE PACIFIC

dvance of Japanese mechanised s on the upper Perak front 300 s north of Singapore was re- ted from Malaya, although at ry cost. Japanese forces also ablished a new landing on the nd of Borneo, 850 miles east of key British base, as the "vast circlement" movement gained gress. On the lower Perak front miles north of Singapore, the tish defenders bolstered by new units held their lines.

From Manila came reports of n treatment being accorded white abitants, especially to Americans. MacArthur reported that they ordered to remain indoors on alty of being shot. His forces he had beat off new enemy at- ks, and that four of 21 attacking nes attacking Corregidor had n shot down. American forces, it s seen, were prepared to defend island fortress commanding Man- Bay to the end, thus holding up long as possible an all-out thrust inst Singapore.

From Melbourne, Australia, Pre- r John Curtin said that United tes warships would operate in strahan waters from Australian s, a challenge to stray raiding nese bombers, which have struck fra south as New Guinea, 800 es north of Australia.

Chungking sources declared that 000 Japanese had been killed or unded as Chinese troops routed a nese offensive against Chang- . The Tokyo radio, however, med that Japanese forces had upied that centre completely. n Tokyo too, came the admission if Russia scrapped her neutrality with Japan, the entire war situ- n would be changed.

USSIAN FRONT

No indication of a change in Rus- policy was seen however, as the Army pushed farther west, con- trating on driving the Nazi in- er out of Russia. Soviet troops, patches said, had swept sixty es to the northwest and southwest Moscow, and had trapped eight man divisions in the town of Moz- k, 57 miles from Moscow. This er movement, the Red Army had smashed any hope of a man stand at Vyazma, 100 miles n the capital, and opened the for a drive back to Smolensk, egic centre of the fighting on Moscow front in the first Ger- n advance.

. . . In Washington, an allied ply board was being planned to w up the unification of the d command.

AND SUDDEN DEATH

new R.C.A.F. tragedy was re- ded, in the death of two fliers, e patrol plane crashed about 10 s north of Prince Rupert . . . Six ole were killed and two others ed early Sunday, when the Can- Pacific trans - continental ed into an automobile stalled at el crossing near Ottawa, Ont. . . . ng since September 19, the of Judith Hillstead, 30, was d in the woods of the Univer- district here in Vancouver Sun- A cord was drawn tightly about neck.

Leave Japanese Question To Federal Authorities Say City Aldermen

(From the News-Herald)

Vancouver aldermen think handling the Japanese situation is a federal matter, best left to Ottawa administration under advice of the Standing Committee of Oriental Affairs.

Most of them doubt that Ald. H. D. Wilson's proposal to curtail business licences to Japanese is legally possible.

Commenting Sunday on Ald. Wilson's proposed city council motion asking that all Japanese be immediately moved "east of the Rockies", city fathers were almost unanimous in condemning civic interference in what they consider a federal matter.

"I would be prepared to support the council in any move to support the recommendations of the Standing Committee to the Dominion government", said Ald. Charles Jones.

"But it is a Dominion matter, not a city matter. The Standing Committee has made a study of the situation with the co-operation of men who know it very thoroughly. Any judgement it hands down will be the best available."

It's a federal matter," said Ald. G. H. Worthington. "No doubt it will be necessary to have the Japanese either detained or sent east, but I think the city council should keep out of it.

"We haven't got the power to curtail licences."

"It is purely up to the federal government. They will have to take action," said Ald. Jack Price.

"I think, however, the Japanese themselves should welcome such a move for their own protection. If a bomb were dropped here there is no telling what might happen, so the city should have some say."

"The problem is not a city one except to recommend that the federal government do everything to safeguard the Pacific Coast," said Ald. H. L. Corey— "We haven't the power to curtail licences."

"An independent committee has been summoned back east now on the matter," said Ald. John Bennet. "The members are in possession of information which many of us do not have. We should wait and see what the government decides to do because what they decide will be general, covering not only Vancouver but outside cities and municipalities."

"It is a matter entirely within the hands of the Dominion government and military authorities," said Ald. George Miller.

Ald. George Buscombe declared himself "in favour of putting the Japanese east of the Rockies and shipping them back to Japan when the war is over."

"Those fellows in Ottawa are asleep at the switch. They should do something

Wilson 'Thoroughly Bad Influence'

In a Southam copyright story appearing in Monday's Province, Ottawa correspondent Charles Bishop said:

The Japanese situation is receiving constant attention here (Ottawa) and though there is no suggestion of alarm in official circles, one aspect of the situation is regarded with disapproval.

It it described as a "continuing anti-Japanese campaign" by a group in which a member of the Vancouver City Council is most prominent.

This council member (Ald. H. D. Wilson) is described, in the mildest of several designations, as a "thoroughly bad influence." If he and others incite anti-Japanese riots in British Columbia, it is said here "we might have a hell of a mess on our hands."

No Removal East!

PARLEY TO DECIDE FUTURE POLICY

Important and far-reaching steps to meet the increasingly tense situation in British Columbia was forecast last night as members of the Standing Committee on Oriental Affairs left by C.P.R. train for Ottawa, where they were called into conference by the Prime Minister over long distance telephone.

"The federal authorities are fully behind us, as proven by quick action resulting from our recommendation that the Japanese fishing fleet be immobilized," said Mayor Hume, committee chairman. "Thus we feel that recommendations we have made subsequently are likely to receive a sympathetic hearing in Ottawa."

"The fact that we have been called to the capital for a conference indicates that we are getting some action on our suggestions," his worship added.

Wilson Talks Riots

Committee members were told, prior to their departure, that if something isn't done there are going to be riots. Ald. Wilson did the telling.

He said that a "meeting was being organized supporting greater home defence and a plan to move all Japanese from the Pacific Coast."

"Plans for this meeting would be subject to police control since authorities are expected to refuse to sanction any gathering which might be of a demonstrative nature."

OTTAWA—The view in the capital is that the Japanese situation on the Pacific coast is "well in hand", both for the

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Nisei Soldier In Trade School Here

Fujio "Joe" Aida, one of the few second generation accepted into the arm in British Columbia, has been transferred from training camp at Vernon to trade school in Vancouver. He will study here for several months before entering active service with the Royal Canadian Ordinance Corps.

It's Dispersion Eastward, But In A Distasteful Form

By **RUSTICANUS**

The movement to engineer a forcible removal of all able-bodied Japanese men away from the Pacific coast seems to be gaining a certain kind of support. Although no one at all seems to have any definite or concrete plan by which the wish might be accomplished, just the bare wish itself is being expressed rather freely. For the most part, admittedly, it is confined to sources recognized as quite irresponsible.

The plan at its sanest seems to be that every able-bodied male among us, over the age of 16, would be shipped off somewhere, preferably east of the Rockies. There all of us would labour at something or other—doctors, dentists, managers, salesmen, even newspapermen—and send our wages back to British Columbia to provide for the women and children we leave behind. Some married men would be permitted to take their families with them; otherwise the women stay behind.

Taking some pains to sugar-coat the proposal, this is essentially the plan as advocated by a Vancouver newspaper, which incidentally, quite falsely declares that the Federal Standing Committee is urging the plan. (For a more accurate account read the Province.). Alderman H. D. Wilson's approach is several degrees viler. From the point of view of national safety and the prevention of fifth column activity, every one of us knows that it is a silly idea. It is silly because it is prompted by silly fears. The difficulty is that we are convicted by a warped prejudice, and until we can prove ourselves innocent, we are condemned. It is a revelation, however, of just how farcial are the concepts of democracy and justice and liberty in the minds of some of our so-called Canadians. The average one of us has a hard time in stifling not merely a vast irritation toward such individuals, but indeed a wholesome and well-merited contempt.

Apart altogether, however, from any considerations of national defence, the idea raises certain interesting academic possibilities which are being discussed. Looking toward the long-term solution of the Oriental question in British Columbia, there is reason to think that it might be a good thing. It might be that the immediate and tragic disruption of our normal life would not be too heavy a price to pay if the Japanese population could be spread throughout Canada, rather than concentrated here in British Columbia. In short, it's the familiar idea of dispersion eastward as a solution to the "Japanese problem" again.

—Ever since we first started thinking about these things, we have been urging "assimilation", closer and more intimate contact with Occidental Canadians, the broadening of our outlook and interests, the getting beyond Main Street and Hastings East. Most of us do recognize that on the whole the Most Canadianized Nisei are those who have been brought up among Canadians. This Canadianizing process works best where the Japanese families are not too losely grouped together. Thus, if between every Japanese cannery-house in Steveston, there were five "white" houses, perhaps the public would worry less about Steveston. Similarly, 25,000 Japanese among 12,000,000 Canadians could hardly be considered a menace of any kind.

Of course it is very debatable whether the ultimate good would make up for the strain and unhappiness caused by the sudden tearing apart of complex and far-reaching communal ties. When one considers what tragic results would follow a forcible exodus and dispersion, we feel impelled to brush it aside as something monstrous, something too horrible even to think of. And yet, if very carefully carried out, with regard to preserving all necessary ties, it might be done. It might be the tragedy of the second generation of today to find fulfilment in the happiness of a younger generation of tomorrow.

CHINS UP FOLKS!

"Chins up, folks! Things are pretty tight right now, but they could be worse.

We've a job of our own to do, too, in keeping them from getting worse. That is to keep our own heads, and to keep our ideas straight.

We've got to hold on to the idea that we're not judging our country by the anonymous writers of "letters to the editor", nor by the skullduggery of a politician.

No. We're judging it rather by the people we meet from day to day, by our friends and our neighbours who know us, by the sane and reasonable tone that two of our Vancouver newspapers, decent newspapers, are taking in regard to ourselves.

You'll find reference to one on page 3; and one of the best editorials yet written, reprinted from the morning paper on page 4. Read them and square those shoulders back.

TOWN TOPICS

• Roller-Fest Postponed

The Powell Y.P.S. Badminton Club roller skating party, originally scheduled for January 26th, has been postponed until February 9th.

Drunk Discloses Plot

The C.P.R. waiting room was the scene of considerable excitement the other night, when a youth drove up in a taxi, dashed into the waiting room, yelling, "Look out, the Japs are going to blow up a C.P.R. train. And several bridges," he added, as an afterthought.

Thoroughly drunk the youth was held on a charge of malicious damage for smashing a clock case in his raving and shouting.

• Window Smashed

A hefty woman with a grudge smashed the window and glass in the door of the confectionery store owned by E. Kariya at 595 Richards, Saturday afternoon, City police reported. The woman was said to be six feet tall.

• We'll Be Here Awhile

It looks as if we might be here for a while yet, in spite of all that's going on. At least the street department of the city is quite actively concerned with the condition of our streets, with the result that two gangs of men are busy at work tearing up old blocks along Powell Street and putting in new ones.

Sunday Chimney Fire

The chilly Sunday afternoon calm of "Nihon machi" was disturbed for a brief moment or two by a chimney fire at 284 Jackson Avenue, above the dressmaking shop owned by Mrs. R. Kita. It was extinguished by a single engine from No. 1 hall. Sooty conditions in the chimney are believed to have caused the fire.

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Further information may be obtained from The New Canadian or directly from the Department.

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Japanese Students' Club Meeting, Arts 203, 12:30 p.m.

25-31 Young People's Drama Festival, Kitsilano High School

The Bridal Trail

Yasui-Ito

Two well-known younger people in the city are the principals in an engagement announced by Mr. and Mrs. Yoriki Ito, 1255 Franklin Street, of their second daughter, Fumiko, to Mr. Yoshio "Bob" Yasui, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Genya Yasui, 1548 West 2nd Avenue.

A bethrothal ceremony was held December 20 at the Church of Ascension, with Rev. G. G. Nakayama officiating.

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Nishi-Shiozaki

The Steveston Buddhist Church, Sunday afternoon, January 4, was the scene of a quiet wedding ceremony when Haruko, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kusumatsu Shiozaki of Kelowna was united in marriage to Mr. Shigeharu Nishi, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Masakichi Nishi of Steveston, Rev. D. Katatsu officiated.

A reception to 20 guests followed at the Fuji. Baishakunins were Mr. and Mrs. Tomekichi Ikari of Steveston.

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Ura-Minemoto

In a simple wedding ceremony Sunday afternoon, January 4, Ayako, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Minemoto of Dewdney, B. C., was joined in holy matrimony to Mr. Tsumoru Ura of this city, whose parents Mr. and Mrs. K. Ura are in Japan.

The reception took place at the Fuji. Baishakunins for the event were Mr. and Mrs. S. Omura of Vancouver and Mr. and Mrs. I. Tateyama of Dewdney.

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present and for future possibilities.

Hence the proposal that all Japanese be removed somewhere east of the rockies is regarded simply as "silly."

The idea of camps equivalent to internment camps is also branded in the same light.

The Conference being held here Thursday between the Standing Committee, officials of the Department of External Affairs, representatives of the army and navy, and Provincial and Dominion government authorities will therefore lay down a plan as to what else must be done.

The authorities are not unmindful of the fact that while agitation has been a chief contributing factor, many people are fearful.

The conference will be fully informed as to what is being done on the Pacific Coast, including military and naval measures, and will advise as to what else may be required.

Attending Conference

Travelling with Mayor Hume to Ottawa are committee members Col. Macgregor Macintosh, Col. A. W. Sparling, and Sergeant J. K. Barnes, RCMP, committee secretary. In Ottawa they will be joined by Prof. H. F. Angus and Assistant Commission F. J. Mead, RCMP.

Also accompanying the committee were Hon. George S. Pearson, on behalf of the provincial government; and Commissioner T. W. S. Parsons, of the Provincial Police.

Hon. R. L. Maitland, K.C., provincial attorney-general, also conferred with committee members prior to their departure.

VICTORIA—Definite measures are being taken by the Federal Government to deal with British Columbia's Japanese question and air raid precautions, R. W. Mayhew, Victoria M.P., said in a press statement here.

"Very definite safety measures have been taken by the government," Mr. Mayhew declared.

Chemainus Service

CHEMAINUS — A worship service and Intercession was held here in the Japanese Hall on New Year's day.

Many of the younger people attended under the leadership of Miss E. Ryan, missionary worker for the Japanese community.

Dr. Dafoe of the Chemainus Baptist Church, officiated the service.

On Sunday, January 4, service was conducted in the new Japanese mission, opposite the Japanese Hall, with Rev. Burns of Ladysmith taking the service.

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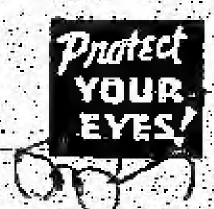

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An Open Letter To
The Editor of the 'Province'

Dear Sir

One of the outstanding features and most tangible ideals of a workaday democratic world is the consideration given to a minority group by the majority group. This feature, this ideal, sir, we have found expressed in a concrete form time and again in your editorials two of which appeared in recent issues of your publication.

In this war so terrible and so blighting it is all too easy for people to forget the very principles which are at stake in the titanic struggle. In the present world where racial hatreds are rampant, it is all to easy for people to forget that the democratic nations are pledged to exterminate that Hitlerian tyranny and lawlessness that would destroy the very foundations of democracy—the recognition and respect of the freedom, rights and privileges of all individuals and groups.

Thus we take to heart the fair and far-sighted outlook which you have taken on the position of the Japanese Canadians in this country, first in the December 19th issue:

"Vigilance should not be relaxed but until there is some evidence or indication that dangerous Japanese elements are at large in B.C. let us be as tolerant as human nature will permit. Toleration is one of the virtues of our race. Its exercise in the trying times we are going through will be a manisfestation of our confidence and our strength."

and again in the January 3rd issue:

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"We must be just to our citizens of Japanese blood, none of whom, so far as the public is aware, has fallen short of his duty as a citizen of Canada. We have a legal conviction by which we set much store that holds a man innocent of a misdemeanour until he is proven guilty. We can not, while fighting for the retention and continuance of such convictions, refuse to observe them in our treatment of the Japanese who live among us. We must assume, until we have evidence to the contrary, that these Japanese are, as they insist they are, loyal to Canada."

Firebrand and vociferous elements in the country have and will continue to rage against an hapless and helpless portion of the population. We realize, moreover, that the stand you have taken has exposed you to the attacks of a few people. Nevertheless, sir, we believe that your stand represents the viewpoints of the majority of fair-minded citizens of Canada. And we have every confidence that the same spirit of tolerance and the sense of justice will continue inasmuch as it is inherent in the majority of Canadians.

Unjust treatment and bitter persecution of racial minorities belong to the baneful tradition of the Axis gangsters, and have no part in the way of life of the democratic powers. Indeed, the sewing of the seeds of racial hatred and dissension is one of the favourite methods of Hitler's fifth column cohorts, which has been tried and tested with deadly effect in the defeated nations of Europe. For anyone to sow the seeds of hatred here is to do a disservice to Canada. And, on the contrary, it is the patriotic duty of every true and loyal Canadian to foster unity among the peoples of Canada. In this duty, sir, you have charted an admirable, unswerving course for others to follow.

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BULL SESSION

By F. A. M.

Our recent diatribe (that's the editor's word for it) on the weaker and though they won't admit it lesser, sex has caused some male acquaintances to offer me congratulations and their hopes for my continued good health and from the few gals who will condescend to speak to me their hopes that I didn't mean exactly what I said and when I assured them that I did then their hopes that they were the Arabella that I so fondly and ecstatically painted a glowing portrait of in said article. To which I replied to each and everyone of them that her conceit was colossal . . . one thing the article proved was that there was more than eight people who read my staff, that being the number of the members of my family able to read . . .

Since I threw so many cracks at the female of the species in my last article I am going to point forth some of the good features of the sometimes fairer sex . . . this may lead the kind reader to think—oh, oh, somebody's been putting the pressure on the goon who's pouring out this . . . but I wish to state right here and now that such is not the case . . . it's just a hangover of the Christmas spirit, I guess . . . and I said spirit, not spirits . . .

Naturally if I'm going to say kind things about our local gals they will . . . like my Arabella exceptions to the rule of female inferiority and subnormality . . . but here are some . . . things about women that is . . . require women . . .

Firstly . . . some unique and different from the common - run - skirts . . . ornamental . . . that is easy on the optics . . . which is more than you can say for men in general . . . and they try to keep that way which is also more than you can say for most men . . . but with men it's masculinity that counts . . . so they say . . . that that startling you hear is big masculine me pounding where my chest should be . . . well, to continue on the subject of pretty girls which is a nice subject to continue on . . . a combination of nicely arched eyebrows . . . big brown eyes . . . pert nose . . . nice red lips on a nicely rounded chassis supported by nice slim gams . . . what a satisfying combination . . . really NICE (boy, talk about working an adjective to death . . . but it's still pretty nice . . .)

However to bring you back down to earth and to prevent a storm of phone calls I'll have to confess that the above glamourous picture is purely a product of a too-hopeful imagination and the real thing probably does not exist . . . of course anyone knowing anyone answering to the above description is asked to run, not walk, to the nearest phone and tell us all about it.

Another good thing about the members of the . . . those who wear skirts . . . but . . . think . . . that . . . they should . . . wear . . . the . . . pants sex is that they somehow or the other have a mania for cleaning up untidy bachelor apartments and other like places . . . they think ashes should be in trays and not on rugs and pants should be pressed more than once a month and the same goes for the sending out of laundry . . . which is all right to take once in a while as a tonic but as a permanent condition pretty fatal for it perhaps is the chief cause of the henpecked spouse . . . this is just a warning to those luckier and smarter ones of us who have not made the same mistake yet . . . since marriage is a grand institution but who wants to be shut up in an institution? . . .

This brings to a temporary close my scholarly essay on the good features of the female animal . . . I can't think of any more at present . . . of which I . . . girls, I'll mention . . . them . . . (I can think of lots more of not so nice things to say about the fairer sex but after all I can't go on writing a whole page of this drip)

One thing though, I'll bet after reading the above paragraphs about my imaginative portrait of the super . . . a number of gals of my acquaintance are going to disguise their voices and phone up and give me their names and addresses.

Sports Spotlite

After the cry of war had spread through the city and left its damaging effects on the livelihood of many second generations, sports in the community was at a complete standstill. Two or three of the smaller organizations were completely wiped out. But now, although conditions are far from good, one by one the different sports are coming back to the winter whirl of sports.

This week's two new starters, the Japanese Badminton League which opens to-night and the Girls' Basketball Loop which begins tomorrow night will have to hurry their schedule somewhat because of the late start. Let's hope they will carry on.

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There has been a great deal of complaint from the owner of Chapman's Bowling Alleys on Seymour Street where the majority of the Nisei do their kegling nowadays. Practically every night of the week the upstairs alley are packed with Japanese. The complaint does not arise from the numbers that bowl, but from the conditions in which the alleys are left. Strict rulings say . . . all bowlers must keep back of the foul line. They have been warned time and again to keep back, but somehow a number of persons slide nonchalently about a foot pass the foul line onto the carefully polished and think nothing of it. Most of these offenders have hard iron plated heels, which leave frightful marks on the alleys, requiring a lot of work to repair.

Chapman's have given the Niseis an open house and indications are that they will continue doing so. But unless we are more careful in the future it will be nobody's fault but our own if they shut the door on our faces.

Let's be more careful in the future.

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Ramblings from across the border

Last week, two more Nisei grid hopefuls appeared on the Orange County firmament in Southern California, as the "most valuable" players on their respective teams. Significant was the fact that these selections were made after the opening of hostilities last month.

Named the "most valuable players" were Jim Kobayashi, blocking half for the Santa Ana Junior College and Keigi Higashi, guard for the Garden Grove High School Argonauts.

Chinese Clippers

Faced with the rising wall of pressure from their homes, the Chinese Clippers Class C entry in the Seattle Courier League, retired from the Nisei league. Their captain Harry Eng wrote that they had enjoyed playing and would like to join them in the future when the mess was cleaned up.

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Vegas

Next time on a clear night when stars are easily distinguishable look for our Intermediate Nippons, way up on the Northern firmament. Look for the star of the first magnitude in the Northern constellation Lyra for that is Vega, the new-found name of the Intermediate cagers.

Director Akiyama decided the name Vegas would be more appropriate at this time than Nippons. A splendid move Mit!

Vegas play Higbies this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Let's hope they shine as brightly on the floor as Vega does in the sky.

Local Ski Conditions

Ski conditions are A-1, the best year in three years. Ideal dry powder snow in good crispy air has been the dream for a long time.

Previous notice that Nisei skiers were banned from Grouse is not true, but it is the wish of the Fuji Club executives that not too many outsiders go up in any great numbers.

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AN EDITORIAL FROM THE NEWS-HERALD

Even before war came to the Pacific—even before incriminating phrases like "Fifth Columnists" were invented—Vancouver had been persuaded to look upon the Japanese resident here as a menace.

There was much of sincerity in the viewpoint, and there was a degree of justification, too, in all likelihood, but that justification so far defies measuring. It will always defy measuring unless an awful day requires our local world to endure destruction compounded on treachery such as has ravaged Hawaii, the Philippines and Malaya.

And there is no way to measure, either, the factor of error entering into the judgment that the Japanese here are a menace; no way of picking an acceptable dividing line between truth in either arguments or conclusions reached, and the mutterings that represented smugness, self-righteousness, political, commercial and self-interest, or simple racial blindness as invidious as that which Hitler has invoked.

Yet the largest single domestic issue for B.C. lies between these two extremes:

● **Alarmist actions; acceptance of every tissue paper-thin rumor printed in any newspaper as to dirty dealings by Japanese landlords, or reports from any source challenging persons in our midst who have the slightest hint of Japanese blood in their veins, even though they have been Canadians into the first, second or even third generation.**

(In that case we would follow extremists, going further even than Ald. Halford D. Wilson, with a civic career which rests in some degree and somewhat surprisingly, upon his opposition to the Japanese which is ordinarily a matter of national policy.)

● **Shutting our eyes; refusing to be alarmed by what our enemies, whether Japanese or otherwise, have done elsewhere in damage to our cause—have been able to do because persons such as we are have decided to trust them as a group because we have found certain individuals among them trustworthy.**

(No matter what treatment some members of their group merit, for instance, it is clear that many of the children of Japanese veterans of the last war, born in Canada, have clearer ideas than could be offered by many of our own children as to what should be expected through democratic procedures.)

Beyond these things there is one other way in which British Columbians might meet their challenge but it seems almost too simple to deserve mention, yet here it is:

● **Let democratic action have a chance to function; let national policy rather than individual alarms have the right of way; let whatever we have to say, whether through Ald. Wilson, our other constituted representatives, or even our private irritations directed at individual Japanese, be directed through the channels we set up in our effort to make this a democratic country.**

If this war is to dwindle to the level of Vancouver vs a few Japs (or, lower still, some newspaper here against some local Japanese) rather than an Allied struggle against the Axis, it means surrendering a purpose big enough to claim all decent men for one which is at best, a town-pump issue, suited to the village green.

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Japan's Military Leaders

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DOMINATION of Japan's government by the leaders of the Army and Navy has now reached its climax. The generals and admirals have the last word on practically every phase of national activity. There were seven army and navy officers out of the thirteen members of Prince Fumimaro Konoye's last cabinet and the military predominance in the present government headed by Gen. Hideki Tojo is even greater.

There is no single overwhelmingly dominant figure in either of the Japanese fighting services. Japanese, whether they are soldiers, sailors or civilians, always work instinctively as a corporate group. Individual dictatorship is not in line with Japanese tradition.

The Japanese army today is largely run by a triumvirate, consisting of Gen. Hideki Tojo, Seishizo Itagaki, and Hoshizo Nishio; and it is typical of the Japanese system that Tojo, although Premier, is probably the least influential of the three.

Nishio and Itagaki, working from headquarters of the Kwantung Army, gradually got command of all the levers of control and influence in the Japanese military machine. Tojo rose along with his sponsors. He became Vice-Minsiter of War, head of the air force, War Minister, and finally, last October, Premier.

I have talked with both Nishio and Itagaki—with Nishio in Hsinking, where he then held the office of chief of staff of the Kwantung Army, and with Itagaki at his desk in the War Ministry in Tokyo. Physically and temperamentally there is a considerable contrast between these two.

Nishio is a tall man, for a Japanese, muscular and square-jawed, taciturn an dunsmiling. About all I could extract from him was a declaration of intention to resist any Soviet aggression against Manchukuo.

Itagaki, who has been closely associated with him, is short, rotund, and quite talkative. When he received me in the War Ministry he talked at length about Japanese plans for developing North China, about prospects of opening up rail communication and the alleged certainty of eliminating the Chinese guerillas. Whereas Nishio barely tolerated a journalist from an alien land, Itagaki conveyed the impression of knowing more about the value of propaganda.

Perhaps the most forceful personality in the Navy, and certainly a champion of all-out war in the Pacific, is Admiral Nobumasa Suetsugu. As commander of Japan's submarine flotilla he reduced the time required for the undersea craft to disappear beneath the surface from 1½ minutes to 45 or 50 seconds.

At the other pole from Suetsugu in views was Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, a tall genial naval officer who was several times Minister of the Navy and was Premier for a few months in 1940. Yonai was anxious to avoid a clash with the Western

Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, who was apparently in charge of the attack on Pearl Harbour, is more efficient as a naval tactician than as a political thinker.

Japan's last Ambassador at Washington, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, is a retired naval officer who was severely wounded in the fighting at Shanghai in 1932. He was generally regarded as a moderate in Tokyo. Until there is specific evidence to the contrary, it may be considered possible that Nomura was ignorant of the details of the treacherous stroke that was being planned against Pearl Harbour. His mission doubtless was saddened by his consciousness of the gulf between the two countries, which, I think, he sincerely, although vainly, tried to bridge.

Do you know these?

Regulations to be Observed

Inquiries to this newspaper have shown that many people are still confused and unaware of just what laws and regulations have been issued because of the war. The following summary, made as clear as possible, is therefore published to try to make things straight. Certain things must be done; others are merely up to the common sense of the people.

1. NATIONAL REGISTRATION

In August, 1940, the first national registration was carried out, in which every person in Canada over sixteen years was issued a white registration card. This registration is compulsory, and anyone reaching the age of 16 since then must register with the nearest postmaster. It is also necessary to report changes in address and changes if you become married.

2. SPECIAL JAPANESE REGISTRATION

In the summer of 1941 the Royal Canadian Mounted Police carried out the special registration of all Japanese in Canada. At first voluntary, this registration was made compulsory December 17, 1941. Registration cards are issued, bearing the photograph and finger prints of each person over 16, and are of three different colours, white for Canadian-born, salmon pink for naturalized citizens, and yellow for Japanese nationals.

Head office for Japanese registration is at the R.C.M.P. barracks, 4950 Heather Street (at 33rd Avenue, FAirmont 1930), Vancouver, B.C. Any Japanese resident reaching 16 should immediately communicate with this office, and loss of registration card should be reported.

3. REGISTRATION OF ENEMY ALIENS

Since the beginning of the war in 1939, German and Italian aliens have been required to report regularly to the "Registrar of Enemy Aliens." Since Japan's entry into the war, this also applies to Japanese in Canada. Two classes must report:

(1) Japanese nationals (those born in Japan and not naturalized;

(2) Naturalized citizens, who received their naturalization papers after September 1, 1922.

Such residents are given until February 7 to register, and to sign an undertaking guaranteeing their good behaviour. Certain instructions are issued to them when they register. Registrars of enemy aliens are placed in many centres of the country, and if in doubt where you should register, ask your nearest B.C. (Provincial) Police post (not your neighbour). You may inquire by mail to the Registrar of Enemy Aliens, 4950 Heather St., Vancouver, B. C.

(Note: Certain complications arise in the case of married women. Women married to citizens naturalized before 1922 need not register, but officers in different centres may interpret the 1927 Naturalization act differently, and it is best to inquire from the local registrar what policy is being followed in your centre.)

4. TRADING WITH THE ENEMY REGULATIONS

Under the Consolidated Regulations respecting trading with the enemy, traderelations with any person living in Japan, Japanese-controlled or occupied territory is forbidden.

It is also necessary to report any property owned by any such person to the Custodian of Enemy Property, c/o P. S. Ross & Sons, Royal Bank Building, 675 West Hastings St., Vancouver.

These regulations also apply to any property, assets, or business dealing with any persons who are held by the Government under the defence of Canada regulations. That is, those residents now held in custody at the Immigration building in Vancouver. Business dealings with such residents, their firms, or their businesses must be approved by the Custodian.

5. NO OFFICIAL ORDERS

No official orders have been issued banning public gatherings, but use your common sense. There are no orders confiscating cameras or short wave radio receivers, or requiring that radio aerials be destroyed. No official orders preventing travel, except to restricted areas, and except those issued by the Registrar of enemy aliens to those who must report periodically.

Generally, it is wise to confirm any information with the proper authorities, usually the police themselves. There need be no hesitation in asking them; they will be glad to tell you everything necessary under the law.